



# UResearch

## Purpose

The Undergraduate Research Laboratory (*UResearch*) in the *Department of Evolution and Ecology, Organismal Biology* aims to provide research opportunities for aspiring young scientists, future doctors and teachers who would like to take their academic studies beyond the classroom.

The program consists of formal course offerings, independent research, internships, work study, and outreach and engagement. Students in the program have diverse backgrounds. The majors range from Evolution and Ecology, Zoology, Entomology, Biology, Molecular Genetics, Neuroscience, Psychology, and Sociology to Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering.

## Impact

Outreach events in *UResearch* are part of the formal coursework. Since 2012, *UResearch* members have served more than 1,800 children and families exploring basic science, animal diversity, and conservation.

*UResearch* students visit local schools and engage grade students in hands-on activities, and conduct experiments with live arthropods. *UResearch* has also partnered with *Columbus Metroparks* and OSU's *Planetarium* and *Center of Cosmology and Astro Particle Physics*. These partnerships aim to enrich our programs on the human impact on global warming, environmental pollution, and threats to biodiversity.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology

## Community Partners Involved

Berwick Alternative Elementary  
Columbus Metroparks  
Cranbrook Elementary  
Liberty Middle School  
The Metro School  
Thomas Elementary  
Yorktown Middle School  
The Wellington School

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